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SUBJ: MBFR: DEFINITION OF FORCES: SPC MEETING OCTOBER 2

REF: A. USNATO 5257 DTG 261040Z SEP 75

B. USNATO 5305 DTG 301137Z SEP 75

C. USNATO 5208 DTG 241521Z SEP 75

D. STATE 224489 DTG 192339Z SEP 75

E. VIENNA 428 DTG 271410Z SEP 75

F. VIENNA 433 DTG 011215Z OCT 75

SUMMARY: AT OCTOBER 2 SPC MEETING, US REP SAID HE WISHED AGAIN TO URGE ACCEPTANCE OF THE US POSITION RE GUIDANCE TO AHG ON DEFINITION OF FORCES. HE REITERATED THE US REASONS, AND SAID HE HOPED CAPITALS WOULD TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE ISSUE. UK AND FRG REPS REAFFIRMED THE CONCERNS OF THEIR AUTHORITIES. UK, NETHERLANDS AND ITALY ACCEPTED THE FRG AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT GUIDANCE. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 11 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

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1. SPC ON OCTOBER 2 CONTINUED THE DISCUSSION OF GUIDANCE TO AHG ON DEFINITION OF FORCES, WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCUSSED SEPTEMBER 25 (REF A) AND SEPTEMBER 29 (REF B). BASIC DOCUMENT IS THE DRAFT GUIDANCE TRANSMITTED REF C, WITH THE PROPOSED

AMENDMENT OF THE FRG (PARA 8, REF B).

2. US REP (MOORE SUGGESTED THAT SPC AT THIS MEETING NOT SEEK TO MAKE DRAFTING CHANGES IN THE DRAFT GUIDANCE AND IN THE FRG AMENDMENT. RATHER HE WISHED TO AGAIN URGE ACCEPTANCE OF THE US POSITION. HE HOPED THAT HIS REMARKS WOULD BE REPORTED FULLY TO CAPITALS, WHICH WOULD TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS ISSUE. HE THEN REITERATED THE REASONS FOR THE US POSITION, DRAWING ON REF D, AND PARAS 5 TO 8, REF E. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE PHRASES "BUT ONLY AS REGARDS THESE THREE TYPES OF FORCES" AND "THE ALLIES MIGHT BE PREPARED, ETC." WOULD NOT PREJUDICE ANY ALLY'S POSITION.

3. UK REP (LOGAN) SAID LONDON ACCEPTED THE FRG AMENDMENT. HE SAID THAT NONE OF THE POINTS RAISED BY THE US REP WERE NEW, AND THEY HAD ALREADY BEEN FULLY REPORTED BY UK DELEGATION. HE DOUBTED FRG AMENDMENT WOULD MAKE EASTERN ATTITUDE ON DATA EXCHANGE ANY MORE NEGATIVE THAN IT IS NOW. HE ALSO OBSERVED THAT IT WAS EXPECTING A LOT TO HOPE FOR EVEN AN INFORMAL OR TACIT UNDERSTANDING WITH THE EAST THAT ONLY THE THREE ANOMALIES UNDER CONSIDERATION REMAINED TO BE DISCUSSED.

4. NETHERLANDS REP (MEESMAN) SAID THE HAGUE'S POSITION WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE UK. THE NETHERLANDS ALSO ACCEPTED THE FRG AMENDMENT.

5. FRG REP (HOYNCK) SAID THE FRG POSITION WAS IDENTICAL WITH THAT OF THE UK. THE DRAFT GUIDANCE, WITHOUT THE FRG AMENDMENT, IMPLIES A READINESS TO RECATEGORY, AND THIS IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE FRG WISH TO LEAVE OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF NO RECATEGORY.

6. US REP REPLIED TO UK REP THAT ALLIED REFUSAL TO DEAL WITH ANOMALIES THE EAST HAS RAISED MIGHT WELL GIVE THE EAST AN ADDITIONAL EXCUSE FOR REFUSING A DATA EXCHANGE. IF THE EAST WENT PUBLIC, THIS COULD INTRODUCE CONFUSION IN THE PUBLIC MIND RE THE PRESENTLY STRONG ALLIED PUBLIC STANCE ON DATA EXCHANGE. HE ALSO REPLIED TO UK REP'S OTHER POINT BY STATING THAT ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT
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WELL BE DIFFICULT TO GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE EAST ON THE SCOPE OF FORCES, THIS IS IN THE ALLIED INTEREST, AND THE ALLIES SHOULD AT LEAST TRY. RE THE FRG REP'S REMARKS, HE HOPED BONN WOULD TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT WHETHER "MIGHT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS, ETC." PREJUDICED THE FINAL ALLIED DECISION ON ANYTHING.

7. CANADIAN REP (BARTLEMAN) SAID THAT THE FRG AMENDMENT WENT NO FURTHER THAN PRESENT NAC GUIDANCE, AND THAT HIS AUTHORITIES SAW SOME MERIT IN GOING A LITTLE FURTHER, E.G. ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED BY THE US.

8. UK REP SAID LONDON CONSIDERED THAT THE PHRASE IN THE FRG AMENDMENT THAT "WAYS WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND TO RESOLVE THE DIFFICULTIES IN THESE THREE SPECIFIC CASES" WAS ALL THE AHG

NEEDED TO SAY AT THIS TIME TO DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH THE ANOMALIES RAISED BY THE EAST. HE SAID THAT THE UK DELEGATION IN VIENNA HAS REPORTED TO LONDON THAT THE AHG DOES NOT NEED TO SAY ANYTHING NEW WHATEVER AT THIS TIME ON DEFINITION OF FORCES. NEVERTHELESS, LONDON WAS WILLING TO AGREE TO THE FRG AMENDMENT.

9. ITALIAN REP (CIARRAPICO) SAID ITALY JOINED FRG, UK, AND THE NETHERLANDS IN ACCEPTING THE FRG AMENDMENT.

10. COMMENT: WE EXPECT THAT OTHER DELEGATIONS WILL HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS, IN RESPONSE TO THIS REAFFIRMATION OF THEUS POSITION, BY THE SPC MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6. WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THAT MEETING BEFORE SENDING US NEW GUIDANCE. HOWEVER, AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (PARAS 10 AND 11, REF B), UK AND FRG STANCE APPEARS TO BE BASED ON CONSIDERED POSITION. WASHINGTON MAY THEREFORE WISH TO PROVIDE US WITH CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE, IN THE EVENT OTHER SPC MEMBERS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FRG AMENDMENT, E.G. GUIDANCE ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED PARA 11, REF B, OR THE "AMONG OTHER POSSIBILITIES" APPROACH SUGGESTED BY VIENNA IN PARA 6, REF F. WE AGREE WITH VIENNA IN PARA 6, REF F THAT THE MULTILATERAL DRAFT IS ADEQUATE WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY RAISING THE POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING ALL GROUND-BASED AIR DEFENSE FORCES IN GROUND FORCES. GIVEN THE POSITION OF THE OTHER ALLIES, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THEY WOULD AGREE IN GUIDANCE TO AHG TO CITE ONE SPECIFIC EXAMPLE OF RECATEGORIZATION TO THE OTHER SIDE.

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11. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE, IN LIGHT OF PARA 10 ABOVE, IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 6. STREATOR

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